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In re Appln. of: BENEDIKT T. HUBER et al.

Appln. No.: 09/931,145

Filed: August 15, 2001

For: EXPANDABLE INTELLIGENT  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE

Examiner: Mary C. Baran

Art Unit: 2857

Attorney Docket No: 6270/66

Commissioner for Patents  
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b) (original and 2 copies), Exhibits A-D
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_\_).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Timmerman  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF**  
**PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)**

Dear Sir:

U.S. Patent No. 6,871,150 was issued on March 22, 2005. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) the United States Patent and Trademark Office has calculated a patent term adjustment of 475 days. A copy of the issue notification for U.S. patent number 6,871,150 is included herewith as Exhibit A.

Applicant's Attorney believes that the patent term adjustment should be 694 days. For the reasons stated herein, reconsideration of this patent term adjustment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.705(d). Applicants previously submitted a request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment on December 2, 2004, however, it was held in abeyance subject to an

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issue date being set. The response from the United States Patent and Trademark Office is attached as Exhibit B. As noted in that response, the Office acknowledges receipt of the required fee of \$200.00 for an application for patent term adjustment. Please charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

The patent term adjustment for U.S. patent number 6,871,150 was calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office based on activities and associated dates detailed in the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit C. Applicant's Attorney believes that errors and/or omissions in the calculation and/or the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History may have resulted in an incorrect patent term adjustment for U.S. patent number 6,871,150 as described in detail below. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.705(d), this request for reconsideration is being filed within two months of the issue date of the above-referenced patent. Note that U.S. patent number 6,871,150 is not subject to a terminal disclaimer. In addition, there were no circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure of the Applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of the present application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

**Period of adjustment for activities prior to mailing of Notice of Allowance**

As detailed in the Patent Term Adjustment History that is attached as Exhibit C, the patent term adjustment indicated on the Notice of Allowance was 475 days.

**Period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703**

The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 3 year date") after the date that is three years after the date on

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which the application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a). The present application was filed on August 15, 2001 as evidenced by the official filing receipt attached as Exhibit D. The 3 year date determined pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) is August 15, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) the Applicant is entitled to a period of adjustment due to a delay in examination of this Application by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that is equal to the number of days between August 15, 2004 and the issuance date of the patent. The issue date of U.S. Patent Number 6,871,150 is March 22, 2005 as evidenced by the copy of the Issue Notification included herewith as Exhibit A. Therefore, the present application exceeds the 3 year date by 219 days.

The delay for this Application by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office is identified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1). The period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1) is the number of days in the period beginning on the day ("the 14 month date") after that date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 111(a), or fulfilled the requirements pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 371, and ending on the date of mailing or either an action pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 151, whichever comes first. The present application was filed on August 15, 2001. The 14 month date specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) is October 15, 2002. According to the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit C, the first action on the merits by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office in the present application was actually mailed on February 2, 2004. Thus, the difference between the 14 month date and the date of mailing of the first action on merits is a delay of 475 days, which is indicated by the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History, attached as Exhibit C.

#### **Total patent term adjustment**

For the present application, the total patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(f) is the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703 reduced by any delay pursuant to 37

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C.F.R. § 1.704. The patent term adjustment should include the period of adjustment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(b) which is 219 days in the period from August 15, 2004 (the 3 year date) until March 22, 2005 (issue date). Thus, we believe that the patent term adjustment should be 694 days (475 days + 219 days) instead of the 475 days indicated on the issue notification, attached as Exhibit A.

It is respectfully asserted that the patent term adjustment determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for U.S. patent number 6,871,150 may not be correct. Accordingly, Applicant's Attorney respectfully requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark office to reconsider, and make revisions to the PAIR system Patent Term Adjustment History in view of the previous remarks. In addition, it is respectfully requested that the patent term adjustment be re-calculated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in view of the above remarks. Office personnel are invited to contact Applicant's Attorney via telephone if such communication would be beneficial in fulfilling this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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## ISSUE NOTIFICATION

The projected patent number and issue date are specified above.

### Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment is 475 day(s). Any patent to issue from the above-identified application will include an indication of the adjustment on the front page.

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571) 272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.

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This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT PURSUANT 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)," filed December 2, 2004.

Applicants argue that the Office failed to issue the patent within three years from the date the application was filed in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(b) and request an additional adjustment of 52 days.

Applicants are advised that decision on the instant request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment ("PTA") under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b) is hereby held in abeyance subject to an issuance date being set by the Office of Patent Publications at which time the PTA will be routinely recalculated.

Applicants are further advised to submit a letter to the Office within two months of the issuance of the patent if, at the time of issuance of the patent, the appropriate adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) has not been accorded.

In view thereof, at the time of Notice of Allowance the application is entitled to a patent term adjustment of 475 days.

The Office acknowledges receipt of the required fee of \$200.00 for an application for patent term adjustment.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.

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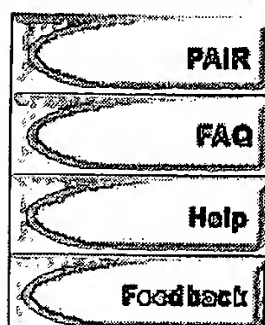
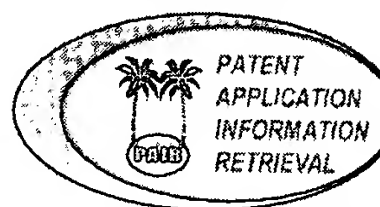




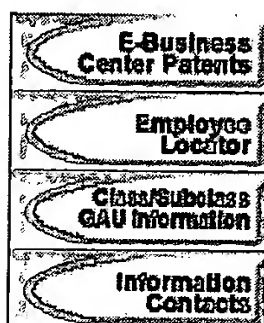
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Issue Date of Patent:	03-22-2005	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0
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02-14-2005	Dispatch to FDC		
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12-02-2004	Issue Fee Payment Verified		
02-09-2005	Receipt into Pubs		
02-08-2005	Petition Decision - Dismissed		
12-02-2004	Petition Entered		
12-02-2004	Workflow incoming petition IFW		
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